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TOTAL POTATO STOCKS ON DECEMBER 1, 1969

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Storage stocks of potatoes held by growers and local dealers in the fall crop producing areas of the country totaled 156.5 million hundredweight on December 1, 1969, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This is 2 percent more than the 152.9 million hundredweight on hand December 1, 1968 but 3 percent less than the 161.7 million hundredweight held December 1, 1967. These stocks consist of fall potatoes held for all uses on December 1.

Stocks in the eight eastern fall States, at 44.1 million hundredweight were the smallest December 1 holdings since 1954 and compare with 46.6 million in 1968. Maine stocks, at 29.0 million, were 6 percent below 1968. Upstate New York holdings equaled those of a year ago but Long Island stocks were less. Pennsylvania stocks, at 4.8 million hundredweight, were up 5 percent from a year earlier. The eight central fall States had 32.2 million in storage this year, 6 percent less than the 34.2 million a year ago. Holdings were below those of a year ago in all central States except Indiana where stocks were above. Stocks in the eight western fall States were 80.1 million this year compared with 72.1 million on December 1 last year and 78.6 million in 1967. Idaho stocks of 44.0 million compared with 41.1 million a year earlier. Washington stocks, at 15.8 million hundredweight were up sharply from the December 1, 1968 level of 10.4 million. Stocks in Oregon also were higher than a year earlier, but in Colorado and California they were lower than last year.

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Production of fall potatoes in 1969 was 233.6 million hundredweight compared with 220.9 million in 1968 and 231.2 million in 1967. Disappearance of 1969 potatoes to December 1, was 77.2 million hundredweight compared with 68.0 million in 1968 and 69.5 million in 1967.

Movement of the current fall potato crop to fresh market and chippers through November 30, as indicated by rail and truck unloads, was slightly less in 1969 than in the same period of 1968. Potatoes used from the 1969 fall crop for processing for other food uses (excluding starch and flour) were about a fifth larger than for the same period in 1968 and movement of 1969 fall potatoes to starch factories was slightly above the 1968 levels. Shrinkage and waste to December 1, especially in those areas where harvest was in progress at the time of the October freezes, were above a year earlier.

Sales of fall potatoes for all purposes, including fresh market, processing, seed and livestock feed, accounted for 88.2 percent of the 1968 fall production and 86.8 percent of the 1967 crop. The balance of the crop disappearance occurred on farms where grown and included losses through shrinkage and waste and use as seed, food in farm household, and livestock feed.

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Fall Potatoes: Production, December 1, January 1, February 1 and March 1 total stocks, crops of 1959-69 in the 25 fall States

Year	Production	Total Stocks			
		December 1	January 1 following year	February 1 following year	March 1 following year
	1,000 cwt.				
1959	167,435	118,560	98,640	77,500	58,175
1960	175,071	122,740	103,595	82,670	62,645
1961	204,235	145,020	122,215	96,120	72,960
1962 1/	194,875	135,745	115,770	91,970	70,250
1963	198,195	136,995	115,000	89,300	67,280
1964	174,491	114,550	94,205	73,120	54,535
1965	216,809	147,070	123,460	98,260	74,605
1966	227,787	152,640	127,380	103,040	79,517
1967	231,224	161,710	139,350	112,770	86,465
1968 2/	220,924	152,900	130,490	104,945	81,905
1969	233,637	156,470			

1/ Seasonal groupings effective with 1962: All Idaho and Oregon classified as fall. In Colorado, all areas outside of San Luis Valley classified as late summer and the San Luis Valley as fall.
2/ Revised August 1969 Pot 6(69).

Estimates of Total Resident Population, 50 States, July 1, 1963-70

Area	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970
	Millions							
Eastern	74.3	75.3	76.4	77.0	77.6	78.5	79.2	---
Central	83.6	84.6	85.4	86.4	87.3	87.9	88.7	---
Western	30.8	31.5	32.0	32.5	33.0	33.5	34.0	---
Total	188.7	191.4	193.8	195.9	197.9	199.9	201.9	1/204.4

1/ Total U.S. resident population for July 1, 1970 based on projection issued by Bureau of the Census.

Source: Current Population Report No. 430, Bureau of the Census, U.S. Department of Commerce.

POTATOES: Production and total stocks of fall potatoes held by growers and local dealers on December 1, 1968 and December 1, 1969 1/

State	Crop of 1968		Crop of 1969	
	Production	Total stocks Dec. 1, 1968	Production	Total stocks Dec. 1, 1969
	1,000 cwt.			
Maine	36,425	31,000	35,100	29,000
New Hampshire	230	150	176	105
Vermont	285	220	254	185
Massachusetts	1,036	550	950	460
Rhode Island	1,260	340	1,326	265
Connecticut	1,254	930	1,215	730
New York				
Long Island	7,340	4,400	6,812	4,100
Upstate	8,342	4,500	8,342	4,500
Pennsylvania	7,585	4,550	7,810	4,800
8 Eastern	63,757	46,640	61,985	44,145
Ohio	2,583	970	1,925	650
Indiana	1,363	350	1,396	390
Michigan	6,525	3,900	6,744	3,700
Wisconsin	8,855	5,900	8,880	5,800
Minnesota	12,180	9,800	13,500	9,700
North Dakota	15,660	11,600	15,400	10,500
South Dakota	621	380	561	285
Nebraska	1,820	1,250	1,794	1,200
8 Central	49,607	34,150	50,200	32,225
Montana	1,498	1,360	1,388	1,250
Idaho	59,505	41,100	67,000	44,000
Wyoming	608	440	578	380
Colorado	8,280	6,150	8,695	5,950
Utah	1,072	630	1,332	770
Nevada	138	100	2/	2/
Washington	16,185	10,430	21,420	15,150
Oregon	12,008	6,200	13,115	7,000
California	8,266	5,700	7,924	5,600
9 Western	107,560	72,110	121,452	80,100
Total 25 Fall States	220,924	152,900	233,637	156,470

1/ Total stocks consist of "production less total disappearance to date."
2/ Estimates discontinued.

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